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Interesting fruit and vegetables growers of the Manatee section in a proposition for the precooling of refrigerator cars before these leave the initial shipping points with the burden of fruit and vegetables for the markets of the north and east has occupied the time of John D. Cunningham of Cincinnati the past week. Mr. Cunningham is president of the American Fruit Union and manufactures apparatus for the precooling of refrigerator cars.

He was among the prominent visitors in Tampa yesterday, leaving last night for Lawley, where he will interest growers of that section and later journeying to Gainesville and Anthony on the same mission.

His desire is to centralize cars at some certain point or points in the fruit and vegetable belts and at these points locate his apparatus for the cooling of the cars. This is as massive as an ordinary freight car and consists of a stationary engine and coils of pipe, surrounded by salt and ice. Through these tubes air is pumped into the refrigerator cars until the temperature has been reduced to forty degrees, the degree which has been found best for the safe preservation of fruit or vegetables in transit.

The advantage of this precooling mechanism Mr. Cunningham declares is one of between twelve and eighteen hours over ice, since ice placed in the cars at the initial shipping point does not reduce the temperature to the desired forty degrees before the lapse of twelve or eighteen hours and until the shipment is well on its way to New York or other destination.

In the Manatee section he found difficulty in the matter of centralization of cars because of the numerous switches from the railroads traversing that section, and it is probable that no precooling plant will be located in that section until similar plants have been completed in other sections which have Gainesville, Anthony and Lawley as their centers and distributing points. Mr. Cunningham looks with favor on Manatee as the town for one of his precooling plants should be able to enlist sufficient interest in his project upon the part of the growers. The sections tributary to Gainesville, Anthony and Lawley have the advantage of having cars centralized at those points, all the shippers of these respective belts shipping to these places.

Speaking of the cost of installing the stationary engines and maintaining them, Mr. Cunningham declared this would be considerable, but would be less to him and his concern than to others who might enter the field, inasmuch as he manufactures these engines and plants. With the precooling plants in operation charges of twenty dollars a car would be made for all cars that are cooled. Mr. Cunningham expects to return from Anthony, Gainesville and Lawley next week.—Sunday's Tampa Tribune.

BAKING BY ELECTRICITY

The largest electrical cooling device in actual use is an electric bake-oven at Marseilles, France. The furnace stands over six feet high and has two compartments, one above the other, which are heated by electric currents passing through resistance coils. The cost of baking fifty poppods of bread is less than 50 cents. Among its advantages are rapidity of action, even temperature, absence from fire dangers and precise control.

THE NEW FLORIDA

There are richer states than Florida—there is not one with brighter prospects for the future, nor one where there is such little suffering, nor one where the material rights of men and women are better guarded and more fully recognized. There are states where production reaches a higher standard of volume and excellence, supporting a larger population and creates greater fortunes—there is none in this broad land or any other land where the average man is so comfortable or so assured of comforts. For these we have abundant reason for gratitude—the pessimist who desires to keep his faith should steer clear of Florida or leave his reason when he comes among us.

Our people now understand that our salvation rests with ourselves. If we pay more taxes than we should we are responsible, because we have chosen the men by whom our government is directed, and the man who kicks himself has little ill-will to darken his mind during the performance. We have kicked ourselves many times on finding out that we have been made monkeys to drag chestnuts out of the ashes for others, but we grin at the pain and remark forcibly that we are wiser than we were—experience is always valuable and we have learned to steel clear of one more adviser.

In national politics we have only one request to make of the republican administration under which we are about to live, and that is so simple and easy that we hope Mr. Taft will listen while we voice it. We ask for no appointments but we do ask that the officials set up among us be such as we can transact business with. Nobody is helped when we are forced to do business with our own government at the cost of decent self-respect—we do insist that a republican president should give us the same consideration he would extend to a foreign government which is accorded the right to have a man not personally objectionable. The Taft clubs can form themselves as fast as they like—the leaders may name the appointees for all we care, but no man objectionable on good grounds should represent the government anywhere in the land. Will Mr. Taft insist that the names of good men be submitted to him by his referees?

The new Florida is a development of the old one—not different except as we have grown. Her people have made Florida, for immigration has not transformed her as it has done in Massachusetts and some states of the west. The south is intensely American—wherefore, it is conservative, and may seem to be slow. But what we gain we keep and what we make we use—these are not bad traits in a people. We have some good friends by adoption—a health to them and increasing prosperity; they cannot prosper without helping us and they know that as well as we do. We have killed the old bugbear that threatened to isolate us forever—Yellow Jack is not even a joke now, but just a ghost. We have left many prejudices behind us that proved a grievous burden for many years and there are more ready for the bonfire.

So that, on the whole, Florida is pretty well, thank you, and she looks forward to making such a record for 1909 as to make the glory of 1908 fade into a twilight effulgence.—St. Augustine Record.

Over 100,000 pounds of meat was placed in cold storage in this city last Saturday. What county can beat this?—Lake City Index.

EVERGLADES LAND IN BIG DEMAND

Another large deal from the internal improvement board of Florida was filed in the office of the clerk of the circuit court in Dade county, on last Monday, conveying 13,600 acres of Everglades land to Stanley M. Tatum of Miami, for the sum of \$31,200.

This deed is the first one signed by Governor A. W. Gilchrist, as a trustee of the internal improvement fund as well as Park M. Trammell, who succeeds W. H. Ellis as attorney general. The instrument was signed by the board the day after Governor Gilchrist's inauguration, and bears the number, 16,199.

The transfer of property affects Dade county only, being a part of the thirty-ninth and fortieth ranges, all west of Miami. The land conveyed includes all of sections 13, 14, 15, east half of 20, all of 21, east half of 23 all of 24 and 25, east half of 26, all of 28, east half of 29, east half of 32, all of 33, east half of 35, all of 36, in township 53, south, range 39, east; all of sections 1 and 2, east half of 3 and 11, in township 54, south, range 39, east.

Also the south half of the south-east quarter and south half of the southwest half of section 29, and all of section 32, in township 53, south, range 40, east, and all of sections 4 and 5, 8, 9 and 17, in township 54, south, range 40, east, in all about 13,600 acres.

The land in range 40, east, was sold at \$3 an acre and that in 39, east, at \$2 per acre. The deed saves and reserves the right unto the trustees, as usual in such deeds, to any time enter upon these lands and construct canals, cuts, sluiceways, dikes, etc., for draining or reclaiming any of the lands granted, by an act of congress of September 28, 1850.

A mortgage deed was filed in connection with the trustees' deed, in the sum of \$24,000, payable in installments as follows: \$8000, payable April 5, 1909; \$5000 July 5; \$5000 October 5; and the final payment one year from the date of deed, January 5, 1910.

It is stated, the information coming from good authority, that within the next three or four months, five dredges will be at work in the Everglades, including the two now at Fort Lauderdale, and the one to arrive soon from Tampa to commence operations in the Miami river.

A ROYAL WEDDING

One of the most gorgeous events of the year will be the wedding of Lady Violet Elliot and Lord Charles Fitzmaurice. It is fixed for January, and is to take place in India, by order of King Edward.

The bride-elect is the youngest of the three beautiful daughters of the Earl of Minto, who recently was governor general of Canada, and now is viceroy of India. The bridegroom is the second son of the Marquis of Lansdowne, the heir presumptive of his brother, the Earl of Kerry, who has no children, although married four years.

The marriage is to be a state ceremony, which will rival the great Durbar in magnificence. All the India princes from all the native states and the high officials in the east will be present. The bridal dress is a magnificent robe fit for the Queen of Sheba, of gold and silver and pearl embroidery, with the superb lace of the Lansdowne and Minto families. The bridal outfit will cost \$70,000.

Lady Violet sailed several days ago to join her parents in India.—New York World.

Mr. William J. Folks of Juliette visited the Brick City Monday.

LAND WANTED FOR HOMESICKERS

A day or two ago mention was made of the presence of Mr. E. H. Herrick, of New York, in this city for the purpose of securing a place for locating a German colony in this county. Mr. Herrick is representing a number of German farmers of New York state who are anxious to change to a better section of the country. He wants from 200 to 500 acres, with 40 or 50 acres cleared and ready for cultivation. The land must be fertile and located on the railroad or river where transportation facilities are offered. So far he has been unable to secure a tract to suit him. Several tracts that answered all requirements contain several thousand acres and the owners would not sell a portion of the size he wants. Mr. Herrick desires first to bring 40 or 50 families. He wants a part of the land cleared so he can establish an experimental farm to teach the farmers the art of farming in Florida. As soon as his colony is established on a firm footing he intends to greatly

large his operations and acquire sufficient land to support several thousand families. The class of homeseekers he wishes to bring here are superior to the average, being thrifty and domestic.

In order to assist Mr. Herrick to secure a suitable tract of land, the Record requests all who have property that will answer his purpose to advise the Record editorial office before noon tomorrow. This class of settlers is what the business organizations here have been working for and advertising for, and now that they are here at our doors it is folly to ignore them.—St. Augustine Record.

A NEW FIRM AT OAK

Messrs. A. M. Bobbitt and John Seiler have purchased the commissary of the McDowell Crate and Lumber Company at Oak, and the firm is known as Bobbitt & Seiler. They carry a large stock of general merchandise, and both being popular and well known young men, will no doubt make a big success of their new venture.

TUBERCULOSIS EXHIBITION IN JACKSONVILLE

Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 18.—Preparations are being rapidly made for the opening of the Tuberculosis Exhibition at Jacksonville. This will be the first of a series of three exhibitions in this state. After leaving Jacksonville the exhibition will move to Tampa and then to Pensacola. There will also be one-day institutes in several of the larger towns. The committees also ask that citizens in every community throughout Florida take part in the "Ninety Day Campaign" by holding at least one meeting in each of the cities and towns. The first exhibition will open in Jacksonville about January 21st.

Between Foraker and Tillman Mr. Roosevelt doubtless has a keen appreciation of the disadvantages of the well advertised location between the upper and nether millstones. If there is any question as to which of the two is the upper and which the nether, we leave its discussion to the partisans of the two gentlemen.—Tampa Times.

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